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the Sarishtadar to have had any access to the files and records of that office."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Were the claims of any person overlooked in making appointment to the post of Sarishtadar at Tiruchirappalli and was any protest or complaint from anybody received by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Not that I am aware of."

Cashewnut cultivation.

* 1983 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken in regard to cashewnut cultivation with special reference to the following points :—

(i) to increase the quantity of cashewnut produced;

(ii) to improve the quality of cashewnut;

(iii) to increase the extent of lands under cashewnut cultivation; and

(iv) to see that the cultivator gets the maximum price?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (i) to (iv) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" If the Indian Council of Agricultural Research gives financial aid for the control of the pests and diseases of cashewnut, will the Government see that a research station is opened in South Arcot district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If there is sufficient cultivation of cashewnut in the South Arcot district, Government will consider the need for establishing a research station in that district."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of large scale import from African regions and will he take steps to prevent import so that production in the country may be encouraged? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Cashewnut being an important product with great possibilities of development both internally and internationally, will the Government recommend to the Central Government the constitution of a cashewnut board on the same lines as the Coffee Board or the Tea Board? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" தஞ்சாவூரில் முந்திரி மரங்களை வளர்ப்பதற்குப் பதிலாக அவைகளை அழித்து அடுப்பு எரிப்பதற்காக உபயோகிக்கப்படுவது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? அதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதைப்பற்றி என்னிடம் தகவல் இல்லை. ஆனால் தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவில் மட்டுமல்ல. இன்னும் பல ஜில்லாக்களில் இந்த முந்திரிச் செடியை வளர்ப்பதற்கும் சர்க்கார் ஆராய்ச்சி நிலையங்களிலும் விதையை விதைக்கவும், மற்ற தகவல்களையெல்லாம் கொடுக்கவும் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இன்னும் பல படுகை நிலங்களிலும், காடுகளிலும் கூட முக்கியமாக திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி, மதுரை, திருநெல்வேலி, செங்கல்பட்டு, வேலூர், வடாற்காடு, சேலம் போன்ற ஜில்லாக்களிலும் இதை அதிகமாக விருத்தி செய்வதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" முந்திரியை அதிகமாக உற்பத்தி செய்வதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிற சமயத்தில், இருக்கிற முந்திரி மரமே அழிந்து போய்க்கொண்டிருக்கிறது. அப்படியானால் முந்திரி கொட்டையே வேண்டாம் என்பது சர்க்காருடைய உத்தேசமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" முந்திரிக் கொட்டை வேண்டாமென்று சொல்லுகிறவர்கள் இருக்கலாம். அவர்கள் அதை அழிக்கலாம். அரசாங்கத்திற்கு அதை அழிப்பதாக உத்தேசம் இல்லை."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The main reasons why the grower gets a poor return are (1) the processing is controlled by foreign interests, and (2) the sale is not regulated by any marketing system. May I request the Government to look into these two things and do the needful? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government of India have already set up an Export Promotion Council for pepper and cashewnut with its headquarters at Cochin. The Government will look into what further steps are necessary."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the import of cashewnut in our State is more than the local production and in view of this, will the Government stop permitting the export of cashewnut from our State? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Since this is a dollar-earning product, we should rather encourage export."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" முந்திரிக் கொட்டை தோலிலிருந்து ரசாயன சாமான்கள் செய்யப்படுகின்றன. அதற்காக பெரிய தொழிற்சாலைகளை ஏற்படுத்த சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அது எல்லாம் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டு வருகிறது."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Government must be aware that cashewnut is grown only in India and South Africa. In view of the near-monopoly position which this State is having, will this Government recommend to the Central Government the setting up of a Government corporation to look after the export of this commodity? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that the Government of India have set up an Export Promotion Council for pepper and cashewnut. I hope that a corporation also is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" As cashewnut is a dollar-earning commodity and as cashewnut industry is monopolised by English companies like Parry & Co., will the Government themselves be pleased to start cashewnut industry in various centres where cashewnut is grown? The Central Minimum Wage Advisory Board has unanimously recommended to the Government the payment of a minimum wage to the workers and I want to know from the Hon. Minister . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The second part of the question does not arise. The first part will be answered."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Government are fully aware of the importance of this both as an agricultural product and as an industrial product and as to what should be done to the workers engaged in the industry. I may tell this House that there is a programme to bring under cashewnut cultivation 34,000 acres of additional lands within a period of ten years."

Recruitment of Sub-Magistrates in the State.

* 1984 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recently persons were recruited to the post of Sub-Magistrates in the State;

(*b*) the number of persons applied, the number of persons selected and who was the selection authority; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a large number of Brahmins were selected even overlooking the claims of Backward Class candidates and if so, what the reasons were?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) (i) For direct recruitment—

Number of persons applied—55.

Number of persons selected—16.

Selection authority—The Madras Public Service Commission.

(ii) For recruitment by transfer—

Number of persons applied—39.

Number of persons selected—10.

Selection authority—The High Court, Madras.

" (*c*) No, Sir."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" How many were selected by direct recruitment from Backward Classes, how many from Scheduled Cast seo,hw many from Brahmin Community and how many from Non-Brahmin community? "